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- 2. Exhibit A attached hereto is a copy of the file history of U.S. Pat. No. 5,627,549 obtained from Specialized Patent.
- 3. The parent Serial No. 08/282,893 was filed July 29, 1994. A continuation was filed January 16, 1996 and begins at page 78 in the attached Exhibit A. A Preliminary Amendment was filed January 16, 1996 and begins at page 82 in Exhibit A.
- 4. The Office Action of Oct. 25, 2006 in paragraph 4 cites claims 1-2 of Dimitiradis et al as providing support for "providing time and location sensitive advertising information to a user, wherein the position, as disclosed in the specification, is derived from GPS."

- 5. While the specification of U.S. Pat. No. 5,627,549 (Park) may be relevant to the examination of the captioned application, it appears the subject matter cited in paragraph 4 of the Office Action of Oct. 25, 2006 is new matter and not prior art to the captioned application.
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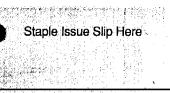
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DUAL CHANNEL ADVERTISING REFERENCING VEHICLE LOCATION

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#### Background of the Invention

The present invention relates generally to vehicle information systems, and particularly to vehicle information systems providing information relevant to current vehicle location.

A variety of traffic related information is now available for use in aiding vehicle travel, especially in urban road networks. A travel information device likely to be soon more commonly incorporated into vehicles is a vehicle position detecting system, e.g., the well known global positioning system (GPS) providing satellite broadcast to determine location of a receiving GPS device. Vehicles with GPS capability, therefore, have the very useful feature of tracking current vehicle position.

Given access to current vehicle location, i.e., longitude and latitude values, a proposed information system provides vehicle position relative to a map representation of a given region, e.g., a map display of city streets with vehicle position indicated by street location rather than longitude and latitude position. Thus, a digital map database further supports vehicle

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position display by reference to more meaningful information, i.e., by reference to a street map. To be of value, however, the digital map database must be current and comprehensive, i.e., have information relevant to wherever a vehicle may be used.

Massive digital map databases are, however, inherently expensive and difficult to include in mass produced products such as is desirable in a GPS-capable consumer product. Digital map databases require license fees, large amounts of memory, frequent and expensive revision, and generally cannot be comprehensive enough to allow use throughout the entire world. It is not economically feasible to provide in an inexpensive consumer product a digital map database covering the entire world, or at least a significant geographic region. If the device is prepared for use throughout the world, an incredibly massive digital map is required giving rise to significant cost and maintenance requirements. If only selected geographic regions are incorporated into the digital map, the device cannot be used outside such geographic regions without post-manufacture modification or manipulation of numerous storage devices, e.g., a library of CD-ROM discs.

It would be desirable, therefore, for a vehicle information device to be usable in any geographic area as manufactured yet still maintain an ability to indicate vehicle position information beyond merely longitude and latitude. In particular,

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people need more meaningful information than merely longitude and latitude, yet a massive digital map is difficult to justify in the context of relatively inexpensive consumer products. The need for current vehicle position is most typically a need to know current vehicle position relative to a location of interest. Unfortunately, customizing massive digital databases to provide reference to individual vehicle operator locations of interest is impractical. It would be desirable to avoid a requirement of procuring and maintaining in the travel information device a massive digital database, yet maintain an ability to reference geographic locations. The subject matter of the present invention provides such a vehicle travel information device.

#### Summary of the Invention

In accordance with the present invention, a travel information device in a vehicle includes a vehicle position detecting device and collects vehicle position information while also collecting data relevant geographic points of interest to provide a display indicating position of a point of interest relative to a current vehicle location.

In the illustrated and preferred form of the present invention, collecting information relevant to geographic points of interest is by radio signal data broadcast in conjunction with radio signal voice broadcast, such as advertising, whereby a user

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interrogates a device under the present invention to collect by data broadcast detailed information concerning an advertisement of interest provided by a companion voice broadcast. The data broadcast includes precise location information providing, in conjunction with current vehicle position, a basis for presenting a display graphically showing relative position between the geographic point of interest, such as the location of an advertiser, and the current vehicle location.

According to one aspect of the present invention, storage of information relative to geographic points of interest builds for the user a personal electronic reference for later selectively displaying such information, including ability to selectively display a representation of location relative to a then current vehicle position.

The subject matter of the present invention is particularly pointed out and distinctly claimed in the concluding portion of this specification. However, both the organization and method of operation of the invention, together with further advantages and objects thereof, may be best understood by reference to the following description taken with the accompanying drawings wherein like reference characters refer to like elements.

#### Brief Description of the Drawings

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For a better understanding of the invention, and to show how the same may be carried into effect, reference will now be made, by way of example, to the accompanying drawings in which:

FIG. 1 illustrates a vehicle information system, a given road network, and a vehicle travelling within the road network and carrying a travel information device according to a preferred form of the present invention.

FIG. 2 is a block diagram of the travel information device for the vehicle of FIG. 1.

FIG. 3 illustrates the front panel controls and display of the travel information device of FIG. 2 as viewed by the operator of the vehicle of FIG. 1.

FIG. 4 illustrates by flow chart a first method of collecting data for storage by the travel information device wherein the user hears by voice broadcast information of interest an selects corresponding data broadcast information for storage.

FIG. 5 illustrates by flow chart an alternative method for collecting information from the data broadcast whereby the operator designates collection criteria and the travel information device automatically collects qualifying data broadcast information.

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FIG. 6 illustrates by flow chart programming for a radio broadcast system coordinating or associating voice radio broadcast with data radio broadcast.

FIG. 7 illustrates by flow chart programming of the travel information device of FIG. 1 for scanning or reviewing of information stored therein.

#### Detailed Description of a Preferred Embodiment

In FIG. 1, a vehicle 10 travels within a road network 12.

Network 12 includes main arterial roadways as illustrated, but as may be appreciated would be significantly more complex. For the present illustration, it will be understood that vehicle 10 travels throughout road network 12 along any selected travel route. Furthermore, the operator of vehicle 10 travels within road network 12 to and from geographic points of interest 14, individually designated 14a-14d. While only several such geographic points of interest 14 are indicated in FIG. 1, it will be understood that any number of such geographic points of interest 14 may exist within road network 12. Furthermore, geographic points of interest 14 for one individual vary relative to that of another individual. Accordingly, reference herein to geographic points of interest 14 shall be taken to be locations of interest to a particular person.

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Also illustrated in FIG. 1, radio broadcast system 20 provides a combined radio signal voice broadcast 22 and radio signal data broadcast 26. While illustrated as a single radio broadcast system 20, it will be understood that voice broadcast 22 and data broadcast 26 could originate from separate radio signal broadcast facilities. Under the preferred form of the present invention, however, voice broadcast 22 and data broadcast 26 originate from a common FM radio source as provided under the "Gaskill" paging system. The present invention may be implemented according to many paging system protocols, but as illustrated herein operates under the time-division multiplexed protocol of the Gaskill paging system, as illustrated in U.S. Patent Nos. 4,713,808 and 4,897,835. The disclosure of U.S. Patent Nos. 4,713,808 and 4,897,835 are incorporated herein fully by reference thereto.

The Gaskill paging system and associated receiving devices provide an inexpensive, highly battery-efficient and highly miniaturized paging device which, under the illustrated embodiment of the present invention, constitutes a data radio signal receiver 62 (FIG. 2) as a conduit for data broadcast 26 delivery to device 40.

Generally the Gaskill paging system uses FM radio signal transmission facilities to broadcast within a side-band frequency paging signal data packets according to a time-division

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multiplexed protocol. Thus, voice broadcast 22 comprises the normal FM radio signal broadcast and data broadcast 26 represents the side-band paging system broadcast.

It will be understood, therefore, that radio broadcast system 20 provides coordinated voice and data by radio signal. In particular, radio broadcast system 20 receives voice advertisement and data message information 28, e.g., an advertising subscription, and integrates the data message portion thereof into other incoming paging system data packets originating from a Gaskill paging system clearinghouse 30. In this manner, radio station 20a coordinates or associates voice and data broadcasts 22 and 26, respectively. As may be appreciated, however, the data message portion of information 28 could be routed through clearinghouse 30, in which case radio station 20a associates a voice broadcast 22 with a data broadcast 26 originating entirely from clearinghouse 30. Such association may be provided by a number of arrangements, but under the illustrated form of the present invention, association of voice broadcast 22 and data broadcast 26 shall be by time relation, e.g., concurrently broadcast, broadcast in close time relationship, or at given time offset.

Vehicle 10 includes a travel information device 40 receiving by way of antenna 42 the voice broadcast 22 and data broadcast

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26. Thus, device 40 receives conventional FM voice broadcasts and paging data broadcasts the Gaskill paging system protocol. In this manner, device 40 receives associated voice and data broadcasts whereby an operator of vehicle 10, upon hearing a voice broadcast of interest, captures the associated data broadcast to collect and store within device 40 detailed information, i.e., a data record including longitude and latitude, for a geographic point of interest 14.

FIG. 1 also illustrates a global position system (GPS)

satellite 50 providing transmission 52. Details and use of GPS transmission and the collection of such transmission to determine location of a GPS receiver are well known. Use of GPS transmission 52 under the present invention is by incorporation of a global position system receiving device into travel information device 40 collection of a current vehicle position therewith as described more fully hereafter.

Thus, travel information device 40 receives several channels of information. First, voice broadcast 22 provided by radio broadcast system 20 provides to the vehicle operator a stream of voice information potentially including reference to geographic points of interest 14, i.e., advertisers located within road network 12. Second, data broadcast 26, as provided in association with voice broadcast 22, provides further detailed text message information captured selectively by device 40, e.g.,

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when commanded by the operator of vehicle 10. This establishes, among other detailed information, a precise location for a geographic point of interest 14. Third, the global position system transmission 52 provides a current vehicle location and, therefore, a basis for presenting location of geographic points of interest 14 relative to current vehicle position.

As described more fully hereafter, device 40 maintains a database containing a collection of data records obtained from data broadcast 26. Each data record corresponds to a geographic point of interest 14, and device 40 displays a vector, i.e., distance and direction, indicator illustrating the relative position of a given geographic point of interest 14 relative to current vehicle location. In this manner, device 40 constructs and maintains information specific to a user of device 40, i.e., maintains information relative to geographic points of interest 14 selected by the operator of vehicle 10, and further provides meaningful position information beyond longitude and latitude for such points of interest 14 without reference to a massive digital map database of the road network 12. Device 40 maintains current information relative to a given geographic region and specific to selected geographic points of interest 14. Under one aspect of the present invention, such geographic points of interest 14 correspond generally to locations of advertisers providing, by way of radio broadcast system 20, both voice information in broadcast 22 and detailed message or text data in broadcast 26.

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This allows listeners to later reference such data and locate the corresponding geographic point of interest 14 relative to a then current vehicle position.

FIG. 2 illustrates in block diagram travel information device 40. In FIG. 2, a microprocessor 60 orchestrates generally operation of device 40. Data radio signal receiver 62 couples antenna 42 to microprocessor 60. As contemplated under the preferred form of the present invention, data radio signal receiver 62 comprises essentially a paging system receiver operating under the Gaskill paging system. Thus, the Gaskill system paging device provided as receiver 62 serves as a data terminal collecting data broadcast 26 and providing to microprocessor 60 detailed information associated with, for example, an associated voice advertisement broadcast in voice broadcast 22. A voice radio receiver 64, also coupled to antenna 42, receives the voice broadcast 22 and delivers a voice signal 66 to an amplifier 68 driving a speaker 70. Microprocessor 60 tunes voice radio receiver 64 by way of a tune control 72. Thus, microprocessor 60 selects a radio signal voice broadcast 22 by tune control 72 and, by way of volume control 74 applied to amplifier 68, causes presentation of the corresponding voice broadcast on speaker 70.

A global position system receiver 80 receives the transmission 52 from global position system satellite 50 and

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delivers to microprocessor 60 a current vehicle location 82. In this manner, microprocessor 60 requests from global position system radio receiver 80 a current vehicle location and receives in return the current vehicle location 82.

Microprocessor 60 receives other vehicle information. For example, a fuel gauge sensor 90 provides a fuel remaining input 92 to microprocessor 60.

Microprocessor 60 drives a display 100. Display 100 presents, for example, tuning and station selection information relative to the voice radio receiver 60 to provide an FM radio capability wherein the operator of vehicle 10 manipulates input controls 102, i.e., volume, station select, and other controls described more fully hereafter, to listen to a selected voice broadcast 22. Display 100 further presents, as described more fully hereafter, data relevant to stored geographic points of interest 14 and also graphic indication, i.e., a vector indicating distance and direction, of a selected geographic point of interest 14 relative to the current vehicle location.

A compass 104 provides a vehicle orientation input 106 to microprocessor 60. Device 40 uses the current vehicle position, i.e., as provided by vehicle location 82, and also the current vehicle orientation, as provided by input 106, to calculate a graphic indication, i.e., a display vector orientation,

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indicating direction of travel for a geographic point of interest 14 relative to the current vehicle position. To portray on display 100 the relative direction, i.e., toward the geographic point of interest, current vehicle orientation is considered. Thus, calculation and display of a vector on display 100 begins with calculation of distance between two points designated by longitude and latitude values, i.e., distance between the current vehicle location and the geographic point of interest 14, and calculation of an angle of orientation for a direction of travel. In other words, display 100 has a fixed relationship relative to vehicle 10 and vehicle orientation input 106 supports an accurate display of a direction of travel as presented by vector icon on display 100. Furthermore, the display presented may be updated as vehicle 10 moves and the distance between vehicle 10 and the geographic point of interest 14 changes and also as vehicle orientation changes.

FIG. 3 illustrates a front view of the travel information device 40 monitoring the combined voice and data broadcasts 22 and 26 and global positioning system broadcast 52. FIG. 3 also illustrates display 100 and input controls 102. Input controls 102 include a tune dial 102a, a volume dial 102b and an AM/FM switch 102c. As may be appreciated, device 40 operates, from a user perspective, in part as a conventional car radio. The user manipulates input controls 102a-102c to listen to a voice broadcast 22 on speakers 70. Additional control

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inputs 102 for device 40 include a clock button 102d, a tuner button 102e, a where information button 102f, a stored information button 102g, a filter button 102h, and a here button 102i. Use of input controls 102d-102i will be explained more fully hereafter, but generally provide to the user various display presentations relative to display 100 and modes of operation for device 40.

As illustrated in FIG. 3, display 100 presents a text message display portion 100a showing information such as vendor name, address, and current marketing information, for example, a sale or promotional activity including a date of availability for the promotional activity. Display portion 100a further presents a category of vendor, e.g., sporting goods. As may be appreciated, the data records obtained from data broadcast 26 and stored in device 40 include a variety of fields as indicated generally by the display portion 100a in FIG. 3. In such form, information maintained in device 40 may be manipulated in the manner of a database, e.g., searching, sorting, and other such database record management functions.

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Display 100 further provides a vector angle portion 100b and a vector distance-to-travel portion 100c. As described herein above, angle portion 100b indicates the relative orientation of a direction of travel from the current vehicle location to a selected geographic point of interest 14. Distance-to-travel

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portion 100c represents the distance separating the current vehicle location and the geographic point of interest. The angular orientation of portion 100b desirable takes into account the current vehicle 10 orientation input 106 as provided by compass 104. Presentation of vector angle portion 100b should, therefore, indicate generally a direction of travel considering the viewer's perspective, i.e., looking at display 100 from within vehicle 10, to indicate appropriately the relative orientation of a direct line-of-sight or direction-of-travel from the current vehicle position to the geographic point of interest 14.

Clock button 102d, when pressed, causes presentation by microprocessor 60 on display 100 the current time of day. Tuner button 102e, when pressed, causes presentation on display 100 by microprocessor 60 information relevant to tuning voice broadcast radio 64, e.g., frequency of station currently tuned, preset features available, and any other information normally displayed in connection with operation of a voice broadcast radio.

Where information button 102f, when pressed, indicates to microprocessor 60 operator desire to collect information from data broadcast 26. For example, voice broadcast 22 and data broadcast 26 are synchronized broadcasts and the operator of device 40 hears an advertisement of interest provided by way of voice broadcast 22 and presses the where information button 102f

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for further information. Microprocessor 60 then collects a data record, i.e., text message information relative to the advertisement of interest, by way of data broadcast 26 and data receiver 62. Text message information presented in display portion 100a is obtained, therefore, by the operator activating the where information button 102f during or just after a voice broadcast advertisement of interest.

Device 40 holds multiple data records, i.e., one for each geographic point of interest 14. Stored information button 102g allows scanning through such stored data records and selective display of the previously stored data record for a geographic point of interest 14. In this manner, the user of device 40 constructs a personal electronic reference tracking travel information including data records for particular geographic points of interest 14, i.e., data records selected by and of interest to a particular user. The user thereby builds a personalized and current database of geographic points of interest 14.

Filter button 102h drives device 40 into an automatic data collection mode according to user selected filter criteria. For example, device 40 monitors the stream of data provided in data broadcast 22 and compares location information therein to the current vehicle location to collect all references within a given distance of current vehicle location. Additionally, the user

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establishes a category of interest, e.g., auto parts advertisements, grocery store advertisements, sporting goods or restaurant advertisements, to further filter information available in data broadcast 22. In this manner, the user of device 40 creates automatically a customized database by designating geographic points of interest 14 according to user-selected criteria.

The here button 102i provides another method of creating a data record concerning a geographic point of interest 14 within device 40, in this case one corresponding to current vehicle location. The operator presses here button 102i and creates a geographic point of interest 14 data record corresponding to current vehicle location. This allows the user to begin at a given location, operate here button 102i, and have ability to reference that given location later while travelling, e.g., to return to that given location or to have directional indication of that given location from another vehicle location. The data record created by device 40 in response to the here button 102i includes at least the longitude and latitude information corresponding to the vehicle position at the time of button 102i activation. Additional textual information can be entered by the user if desired, e.g., textual information entered by operation of control inputs 102 in response to supporting prompts presented on display 100. For example, the user may wish to name a location in conjunction with activating the here button 102i for

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meaningful later reference thereto.

FIG. 4 illustrates programming of microprocessor 60 for information collection from data broadcast 26, i.e., in this case in response to activation of where information button 102f. In FIG. 4, it will be assumed that voice broadcast 22 and data broadcast 26 are associated by simultaneous broadcast. As may be appreciated, other association methods may be employed and incorporated into the illustrated embodiment of the present invention. Processing in response to user activation of the where information button 102f begins in block 140 where microprocessor 60 collects the most recently received data record of data broadcast 26. As shown in the present embodiment, voice broadcast 22 and data broadcast 26 are associated by simultaneous presentation and microprocessor 60 need only collect in response to activation of the where information button 102f the current presented or most recently presented data record in data broadcast 26. In anticipation of such task, microprocessor 60 always collects in an input buffer (not shown) each data record presented in data broadcast 26. For each new data record presented, the old, previous data record is replaced in the input buffer. Thus, when the operator activates where information button 102f, the input buffer holds, or will soon hold, a complete data record taken from data broadcast 26 and associated with the current voice broadcast 22 presentation. Thus, processing in block 140 implements a method of association

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between voice broadcast 22 and data broadcast 26.

Decision block 142 determines whether the current voice broadcast 22 is related to the most recently received data record. For example, not every voice broadcast 22 presentation, e.g., advertisement, will have an associated data record available in data broadcast 26. For example, if the data record most recently received by way of data broadcast 26 is "stale" then it should not be taken as related to the current voice broadcast 22 presentation. In such case, processing branches through block 144 where device 40 presents on display 100 the message "where information not available" and processing terminates. If, however, the data record most recently received is related to the voice broadcast 22 presentation, i.e., not "stale", then processing advances to block 146 where microprocessor 60 obtains the current vehicle location and vehicle orientation. As may be appreciated, determining whether a given data record is "stale" may be implemented by timestamping data records held in the input buffer. The length of time required to become "stale" in the input buffer is variable and a function of how quickly the operator of vehicle 10 must activate the where information button 102f.

Microprocessor 60 then calculates in block 148 the angle portion 100b and distance-to-travel portion 100c. In other words, microprocessor 60 calculates and angle of orientation for

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the arrow icon presented in portion 100b using the current vehicle orientation 106 and the direction of travel toward the subject geographic point of interest 14. Microprocessor 60 then calculates the distance-to-travel value for portion 100c as the separation between the current vehicle position and subject geographic point of interest 14.

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As may be appreciated, a timer interrupt may also be set to itteratively execute procedures updating the display portions 100b and 100c as the vehicle changes orientation and location relative to the geographic point of interest 14 associated with the current data record. Furthermore, microprocessor 60 may take into account fuel remaining input 92 in comparison to expected vehicle 10 mileage and consider separation between current vehicle position and the subject geographic point of interest 14. If vehicle 10 holds insufficient fuel to make the trip to the subject geographic point of interest, an appropriate display may be presented to indicate such condition to the vehicle operator.

Continuing to block 150, microprocessor 60 presents in display portion 100a the text message portion of the current data record, e.g., vendor name, address, phone number, and any other special promotional information provided. In decision block 152, the operator has opportunity to keep for permanent storage the current data record, in which case processing branches through block 154 where the current data record is stored for later

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reference, i.e., by operation of the stored information button 102g. Otherwise, processing exits directly from decision block 152.

FIG. 5 illustrates by flow chart an alternative method for gathering information from the data broadcast 22, i.e., gathering information automatically according to user-designated criteria in response to filter button 102h. In this manner, the operator need not monitor voice broadcast 22 to collect information of potential interest by way of data broadcast 26.

10 In FIG. 5, processing begins in block 180 where microprocessor 60 obtains, from the user, appropriate filtering criteria. For example, user interaction is conducted by way of display 100 and alternate functions defined for control inputs 102 to collect from the user a designation of filter criteria. For example, the user may be interested in all data records 15 broadcast and being associated with a location within a given distance of current vehicle location. In this manner, the user collects advertising information for vendors in close and convenient proximity to current vehicle location. Also, data 20 records are classified according to category, and the user designates as qualifying under user criteria certain categories of information. For example, the user may be interested in certain types of products or services advertised and having associated data records in data broadcast 22. In any event,

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block 180 represents user designation of criteria applied to data records appearing in data broadcast 22, i.e., which of those data records will be accepted and stored by device 40 for later reference by operation of the stored information button 102g.

Continuing to block 182, microprocessor 60 gets the next data record provided in data broadcast 22 and, in decision block 184, applies the user-designated criteria. If the data record collected in block 182 meets the user-designated criteria provided in block 180, then processing advances to block 186. Otherwise, processing returns to block 182 from decision block 184 to collect the next data record appearing in data broadcast 26. In block 186, microprocessor 60 obtains the current vehicle position and orientation. Continuing to block 188, microprocessor 60 calculates and displays the arrow icon at appropriate angle of orientation and the distance-to-travel value in display portions 100b and 100c, respectively.

Then, in block 190, microprocessor 60 displays the text message data available in the collected data record. An alarm presented in block 190 indicates to the user collection of a data record potentially of interest, i.e., satisfying the user-designated criteria provided in block 180. Decision block 192 allows the user opportunity to discard or keep for permanent storage the data record just collected. Accordingly, if the user declines storage of the just-collected data record then

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processing returns immediately to block 182. Otherwise, processing advances through block 194 where the just-collected data record is stored for later reference by operation of the stored information button 102g. Processing then returns from block 194 to block 182 for collection of a next data record.

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As may be appreciated, an exit procedure (not shown) interrupts the data record collection loop represented by flow chart in FIG. 5. For example, the user may wish to terminate collection or may wish to modify the designation of data record collection criteria in block 180. Furthermore, processing at decision block 192 need not forego collection of additional data records in data broadcast 26. In other words, additional records may be queued for review by the operator even though microprocessor 60 is awaiting input at decision block 192. Also, should the operator not respond immediately at decision block 192, a time-out feature allows processing to advance without requiring user input, e.g., accepts for storage the data record qualifying under the user designated criteria and allows the user to later delete the record from device 40.

FIG. 6 illustrates by flow chart processing conducted by the radio broadcast system 20 in providing associated voice broadcast 22 and data broadcast 26. In FIG. 6, processing begins in block 200 where radio broadcast system 20 receives an advertising subscription including both voice advertising for presentation in

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the voice broadcast 22 and message information for presentation in the data broadcast 26. As noted herein above, association between the voice advertisement and message data is by simultaneous broadcast. Thus, system 20 transmits in block 202 the text message information and location information in data broadcast 26 followed by transmission of the voice presentation in voice broadcast 22. As may be appreciated, processing in blocks 202 and 204 repeats intermittently, i.e., according to how often and when the dual channel advertisement is to be broadcast.

FIG. 7 illustrates programming for microprocessor 60 in response to activation of the stored information button 102g. In FIG. 7, processing begins in block 220 where microprocessor 60 presents opportunity for the user to scan stored data records according to a given criteria, i.e., get a display selection from the user of device 40. For example, the user wishes to display data records according to a certain sequence or to display only records meeting a certain criteria, e.g., restaurant advertisements. Having obtained a display selection from the user, processing advances to block 224 where microprocessor 60 gets a next data record according to the user-designated display selection. Continuing to block 226, microprocessor 60 obtains the current vehicle position and orientation. Then, in block 228, microprocessor 60 calculates and presents display portions 100b and 100c, i.e., displays vector information indicating the distance and relative orientation to a geographic point of

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interest 14 corresponding to the data record currently presented. Continuing to block 230, microprocessor 60 displays at display portion 100a the text portion of the data record for review by the user. Decision block 232 provides the user opportunity to terminate scanning of stored information in which case processing exits from decision block 232. If the user continues scanning through the scored data records according to the designated display selection, then processing returns from decision block 232 to block 224 where a next data record in the sequence is selected for review by the user.

Important to note, as the user scans through stored data records and obtains a presentation on display 100, the thencurrent vehicle orientation and location are referenced to present a then-current relative position in display portions 100b and 100c, i.e., the current relative direction of travel and distance to the geographic point of interest 14 associated with the data record currently displayed by device 40. Also, processing illustrated in FIG. 7 initiates a timer interrupt procedure updating display portions 100b and 100c as the vehicle orientation and location relative to the currently displayed geographic point of interest 14 changes.

The scanning procedure illustrated in FIG. 7 may, as will be appreciated, be augmented to include additional features such as deleting data records, sorting on various fields of the text

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message portion, and applying additional category values whereby the user may better manage a collection of information maintained in device 40 and relevant to travel of vehicle 10 to and from geographic points of interest 14.

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Thus, an improved vehicle information device and method of operation have been shown and described. Under the present invention, a user builds a customized database containing geographic points of interest, including precise longitude and latitude information and ability to provide distance and orientation of travel toward the geographic point of interest and in relation to the current vehicle location. In this manner, the user obtains useful information by way of radio signal without requiring reference to a massive digital database of the surrounding geographic area. Information obtained by radio signal is always current, i.e., replaced by subsequent broadcast. In this manner, the operator maintains a dynamic and up-to-date database of specific geographic points of interest.

It will be appreciated, that the present invention is not restricted to the particular embodiment or embodiments that have been described and illustrated herein, and that variations may be made therein without departing from the scope of the invention as found in the appended claims and equivalents thereof.

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### Claims

What is claimed is:

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1. A method for providing travel information relative to vehicle location, the method comprising the steps:

transmitting information of potential interest, said information of potential interest including records, each record including at least a location corresponding to a geographic point;

receiving at travel information devices said information of potential interest;

determining at each travel information device a current location therefor; and

selecting at each travel information device ones of said records for display, said display including indication of direction and distance to the corresponding geographic point in relation to said current location for said travel information device.

- 2. A method according to claim 1 wherein said transmitting step includes, in said information of potential interest, also text message data.
  - 3. A method according to claim 2 wherein said text message

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data comprises advertising data for a vendor at the corresponding geographic location.

4. A method according to claim 1 wherein said method further comprises the step of carrying said travel information device in a vehicle.

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- 5. A method according to claim 1 wherein said step of transmitting includes transmitting voice information by voice broadcast and text data information by data broadcast, said records being provided in said data broadcast, said voice broadcast and data broadcast being associated whereby presentation of said voice broadcast corresponds to a given portion of said data broadcast.
- 6. A method according to claim 1 wherein said step of transmitting information comprises the step of transmitting advertising information and said geographic point corresponds to a vendor location associated with said advertising.

7. A method of operating a travel information device carried by a vehicle along a travel route, the method comprising the steps:

receiving data records by radio signal, each data record corresponding to a potential point of interest along a travel route and including at least a geographic location for said

potential point of interest;

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selecting and storing ones of said data records;
calculating current location for said travel information
device; and

displaying position relative to said current location of a geographic location corresponding to a selected data record.

- 8. A method according to claim 7 wherein said data records correspond to advertising information of a vendor at said geographic location.
- 9. A method according to claim 7 wherein said method further comprises advertising broadcast by voice signal and associated with at least one of said data records.
  - 10. A method according to claim 7 wherein said displaying position step comprises the step of displaying relative orientation of a direction and magnitude of distance from said current location to said geographic location.

11. A method of providing travel information at a vehicle, the method comprising the steps:

detecting said vehicle position;

collecting information relevant to geographic points of interest, said information including a geographic location for each of said geographic points of interest; and

displaying relative to a current location as established in said detecting step a distance to and a direction toward a selected one of said geographic points of interest.

12. A method according to claim 11 wherein said method further comprises the steps:

maintaining a plurality of data records, each corresponding to information taken from said collecting step and relevant to a geographic point of interest; and

reviewing said plurality of data records while concurrently executing said display step relative to a data record currently under review taking into account a then-current vehicle location.

13. A method according to claim 11 wherein said collecting step comprises the steps:

monitoring by an operator of the travel information device a voice broadcast; and

actuating by an operator said travel information device to capture information in an associated data broadcast.

14. A method according to claim 11 wherein said step of detecting said vehicle position is by satellite transmission.

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#### DUAL CHANNEL ADVERTISING REFERENCING VEHICLE LOCATION

## Abstract of the Disclosure

A vehicle information device and collects information concerning specific geographic points of interest. The operator recalls for display such information, including a display showing direction and distance of travel to a designated geographic point of interest relative to a then-current vehicle location. Dual channel advertising is transmitted by voice broadcast and by data broadcast. Upon hearing in the voice broadcast an advertisement of interest, the operator captures the associated data broadcast including, among other detailed text message information, the location of the advertiser. Distance and relative direction of travel from the current vehicle location to the geographic point of interest is thereby presented. Multiple geographic points of interest are stored for selective review whereby the user constructs a database containing locations of particular interest to a particular person.

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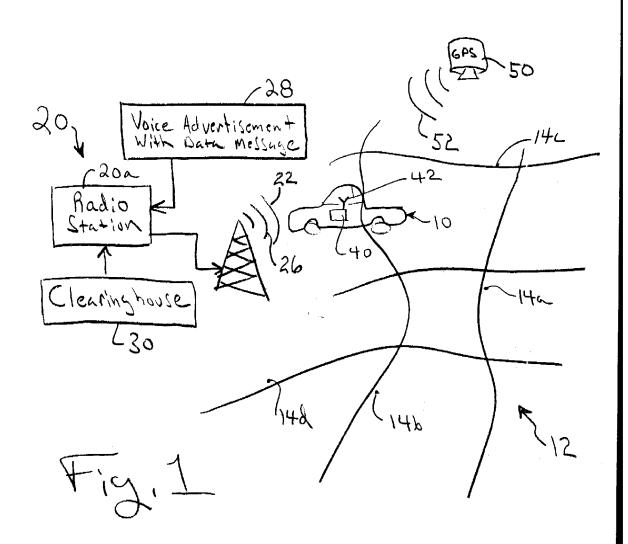
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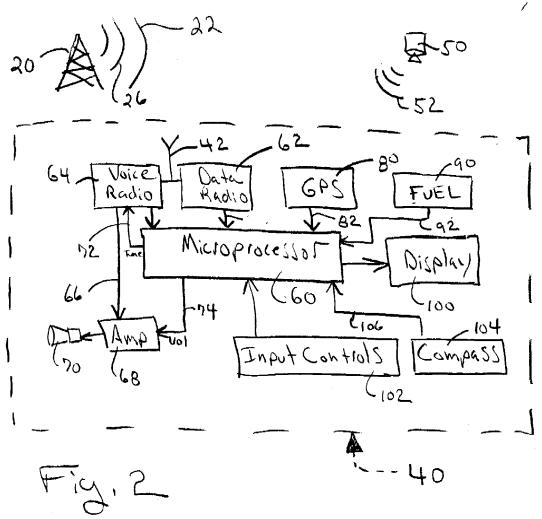
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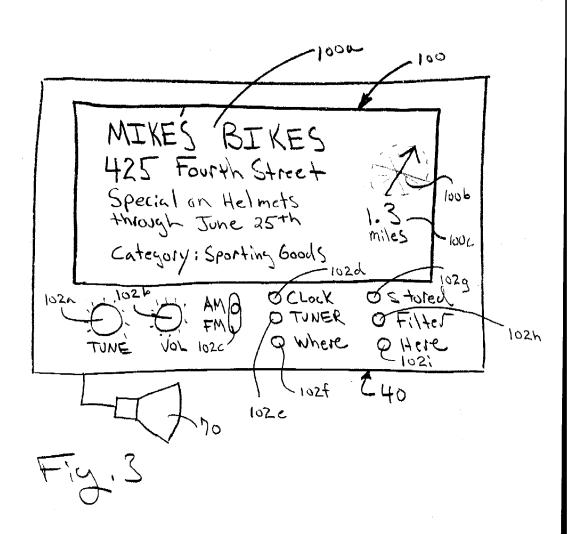
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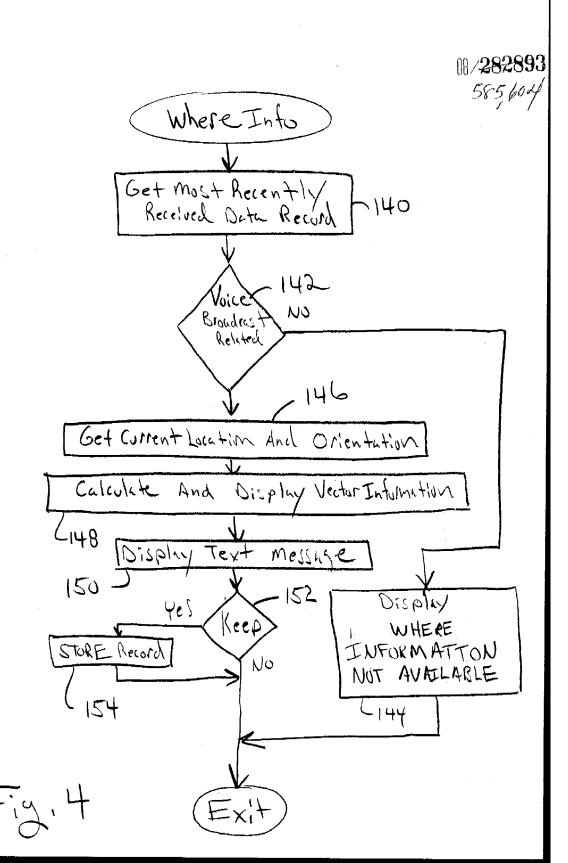


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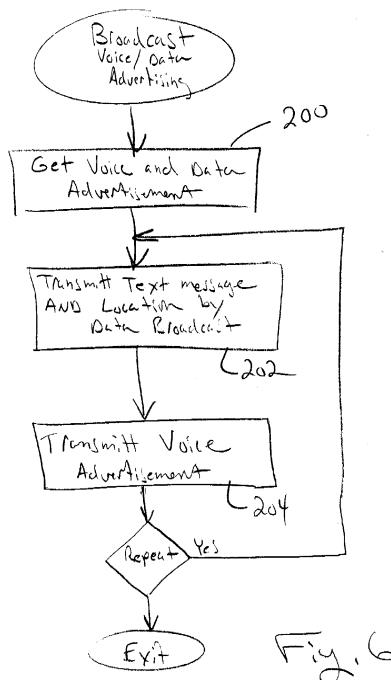






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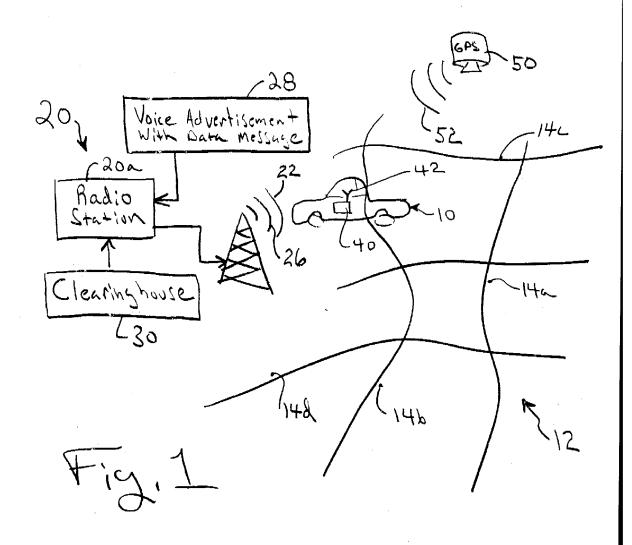


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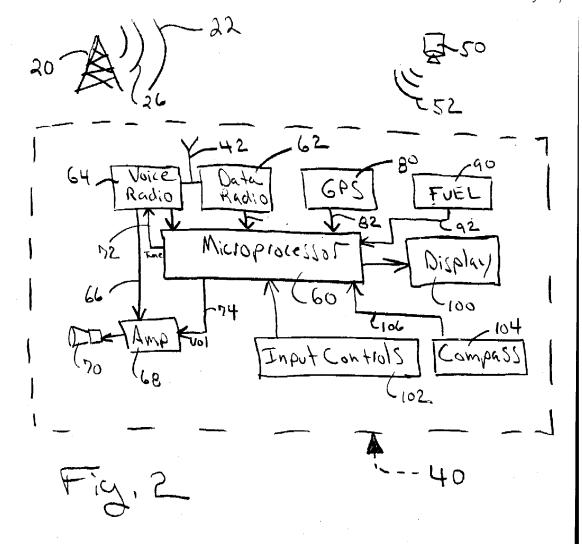
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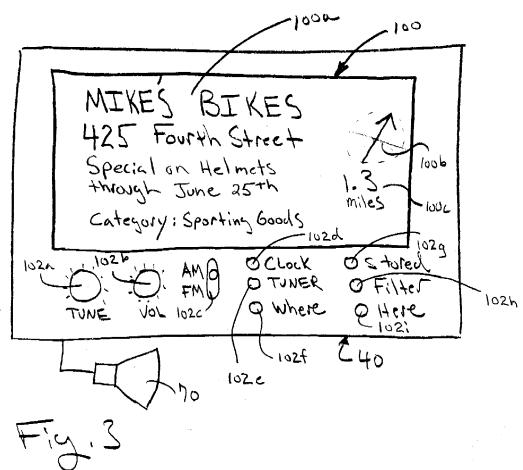
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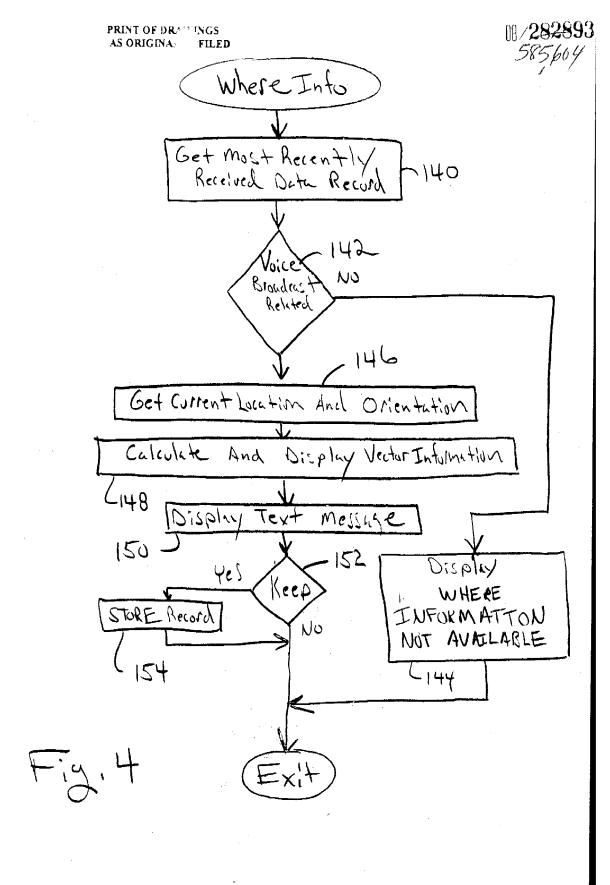
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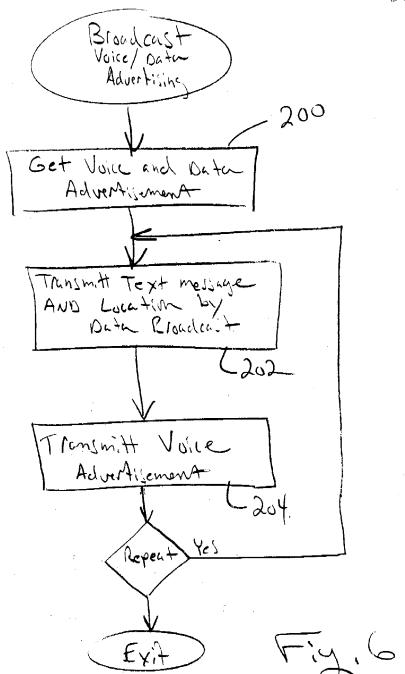
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1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. § 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -- (b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Kashiwazaki.

Kashiwazaki teaches the claimed method for providing travel information relative to vehicle location including: transmitting information of potential interest (received by 29), determining the current location of the vehicle 20, and displaying the direction and distance from the current vehicle location to the geographic point (Figure 8).

- 3. The Takanabe et al and Noreen et al patent are cited to show vehicle location systems which include a GPS receiver. Note Figures 3 and 6, and column 4, line 28 of Takanabe et al and columns 10 and 14 of Noreen et al.
- 4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Theodore Blum whose telephone number is (703) 308-0481.

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## **Amendment** Responsive to Office Action Dated 03/21/95

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Dear Sir:

Please amend the claims in the subject application as follows:

Cancel claims, 2-6 and 8-10 and 12-14.

Amend claims 1, 7 and 14 as follows:

(see next page)

1. (amended) A method for providing travel information relative to vehicle location, the method comprising the steps:

transmitting information of potential interest, said information of potential interest including records, each record including at least a location corresponding to a geographic point;

receiving at travel information devices said information of potential interest;

determining at each travel information device a current location therefor; and

means for selecting at each travel information device ones of said records for display, said selection being based on the location of said vehicle said display including indication of direction and distance to the corresponding geographic point in relation to said current location for said travel information device.



7. (amended) A method of operating a travel information device carried by a vehicle along a travel route, the method comprising the steps:

receiving data records by radio signal, each data record corresponding to a potential point of interest along a travel route and including at least a geographic location for said potential point of interest;

[selecting and] storing [nes of]said data records;

selecting for display records depending upon the location of said vehicle;

calculating current location for said travel information device; and

displaying position relative to said current location of a geographic location corresponding to a selected data record.



11 (amended). A method of providing travel information at a vehicle, the method comprising the steps:

detecting said vehicle position;

collecting [information] records relevant to geographic points of interest, said information including a geographic location for each of said geographic points of interest;

selecting for display records based upon the relative location of said vehicle and the location of the geographic point in the selected record; and

displaying relative to a current location as established in said detecting step a distance to and a distance toward a selected one of said geographic points of interest.

## **REMARKS:**

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated 03/21/21. Claims 2-6 and 8-10 and 12-14 have been canceled in order to simplify the issues. The inventions previously covered by these claims are covered by remaining claims Claims 1, 7 and 11 which are the only claims which remain in this application. Reconsideration and allowance of claims 1, 7 and 11 as amended is requested for the following reasons:

The subject application was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) based upon Kashiwazaki (Patent 5,365,449). Kashiwazaki shows a system which detects the present location of a vehicle, displays a map, and displays information related to a particular destination.



The embodiment shown in Figure 10 includes a receiver (29) which receives by radio a schedule "for sight-seeing a set of famous places in one district" (see column 7 lines 35 et seq of the reference).

In contrast to the above, the system shown and claimed in the present application receives by radio, advertisements concerning various business establishments. When the system detects that it is in the vicinity of one of these establishments, the information concerning that establishment is displayed. The key difference is that with the present invention there is no specification of a destination, route or schedule (as there is in the the system shown in the Kashiwazaki reference). With the present invention the records transmitted to the system are stored and as the vehicle goes past an establishment which has a corresponding record stored, the information concerning that establishment is automatically displayed. Thus, it is in the manner that records are selected for display that the present invention differs from the system shown in the Kashiwazaki reference. The applicant's claims have been amended to focus more clearly on applicant's technique for selecting records for display.

The examiner also cited the Takanabe and Noreen references; however, there was no rejection based on these references. These references merely show vehicle locating systems. The do not show the record display system shown and claimed by the applicant.

Since the references do not shown or suggest applicants invention, reconsideration of claims 1, 7 and 1 as amended is respectfully requested.

Rspectfully submitted,

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1. Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 1 is a mixed method and apparatus claim. The method steps are "transmitting", "receiving", and "determining". The apparatus is "means for selecting".

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. § 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -- (b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 1, 7, and 11, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Kashiwazaki.

Kashiwazaki teaches the claimed method for providing travel information relative to vehicle location including:

determining the current location of the vehicle (GPS receiver 20),

transmitting information of potential interest (received by vehicle receiver 29 shown in Figure 10, see column 7, lines 65+) including records (Figure 2),

each record including at least a location corresponding to a geographic point (Figure 2),

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selecting at each travel information device (vehicle) ones of said records (Figure 2) for display (Figure 8),

said selection being based on the location of said vehicle (column 8, lines 14-24).

4. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new grounds of rejection. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See M.P.E.P. § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR RESPONSE TO THIS FINAL ACTION IS SET TO EXPIRE THREE MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS ACTION. IN THE EVENT A FIRST RESPONSE IS FILED WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF THE MAILING DATE OF THIS FINAL ACTION AND THE ADVISORY ACTION IS NOT MAILED UNTIL AFTER THE END OF THE THREE-MONTH SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD, THEN THE SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD WILL EXPIRE ON THE DATE THE ADVISORY ACTION IS MAILED, AND ANY EXTENSION FEE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) WILL BE CALCULATED FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THE ADVISORY ACTION. IN NO EVENT WILL THE STATUTORY PERIOD FOR RESPONSE EXPIRE LATER THAN SIX MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS FINAL ACTION.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Theodore Blum whose telephone number is (703) 308-0481.

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### IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application:

Serial Number: 08/282,893

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Inventor(s): Michael C. Park

Title: Dual Channel Advertising Referencing

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Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Please send a certified copy of the above application to:

Elmer Galbi Seiko Communications Systems, Inc. 1625 N.W. Amber Glen Court, Suite 140 Beaverton, OR 97006

The undersigned is an attorney of record in the subject application.

Please charge the fee for the above to Deposit Account No. 19-1140 which is the account of Seiko Telecommunication Systems, Inc.

Respectfully submitted,

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Inventor(s): Michael C. Park

Title: Dual Channel Advertising Reference

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Examiner: Blum, T.

Docket: P126

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## Petition for an Extension of Time to Respond

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicant petitions for a one month extension of time to respond to the Office Action dated 07/18/95.

An appropriate response to the Office Action (i.e. a Notice of Appeal) is being filed herewith.

Please charge the fee for this petition (\$110.00) and any other appropriate fees in this application to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 19-1140.

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In re application:

Serial Number: <u>08/282,893</u>

Filing Date: 07/29/94

Inventor(s): Michael C. Park

Title: Dual Channel Advertising Reference

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### NOTICE OF APPEAL

From the Examiner to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences.

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision dated 07/18/95 of the Examiner finally rejecting claims 1, 7 and 11 of the above identified application.

Please charge the fee for this Notice of Appeal (i.e. \$290.00) and any additional applicable fees to the undersigned's **Deposit Account** No. 19-1140 which is in the name of Seiko Telecommunication Systems Inc.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dear Sir:

January 10, 1996

1625 NW Amber Glen Court, Suite 140

Beaverton, OR 97006

### **REQUEST FOR A FILE WRAPPER CONTINUATION APPLICATION under 37 CFR 1.62**

This is a request for a file wrapper continuation application under the provisions of 37 CFR §1.62. The prior application is identified as follows:

Serial No.: 08/282,893

Filed:

07/29/94

Inventor:

Michael C. Park

Title:

Art Unit:

**Dual Channel Advertising Referencing Vehicle Location** 

Docket:

2202, Examiner: Blum, T.

P126

The new application has the same inventor and the same title as the prior application. That is, the inventor and title of the new application are:

Inventor:

Michael C. Park

Title:

**Dual Channel Advertising Referencing Vehicle Location** 

The applicant's docket number for this new application is P126-FWC.

Please use all the contents of the prior application file wrapper, including the drawings, as the basic papers for the new application. A preliminary amendment is being filed herewith.

Please direct correspondence to:

Elmer Galbi

Seiko Communications Systems, Inc. 1625 N.W. Amber Glen Court, Suite 140

Beaverton, OR 97006

Phone contact number: 503-531-1516

Please charge the \$750.00 filing fee for this application to Deposit Account 19-1140 which is in the name of Seiko Telecommunications Corp.

Please note the following:

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- 1) There is no claim to priority to any foreign application under 35 < 3.C. 119.
- 2) The prior application is assigned of record to Seiko Communications Holding N.V.
- 3) The power of attorney in the prior application is to: Elmer Galbi, Reg No. 19761.
- 4) The specification of the application will be amended by inserting before the first line the \_\_\_sentence:
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- 5) No payment of the issue fee, abandonment of, or termination of proceedings has occurred in the above identified prior application.
- 6) The above identified prior application is hereby expressly abandoned as of the filing date of this file wrapper continuation application.
- 7) Secrecy under 35 USC 122 is hereby waived to the extent that if information or access is available to any application in the file wrapper of this 37 CFR 1.62 application, be it either this application or a prior application in the same file wrapper. The Patent and Trademark Office may provide similar information or access to all the other applications in the same file wrapper.

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Filing Date: 07/29/94

Inventor(s): Michael C. Park

Title: <u>Dual Channel Advertising Referencing</u>

Vehicle Location

Art Group: 2202

Examiner: BLUM, T

Docket: P126

Date of this paper: January 10, 1996

### **Notice of Abandonment**

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

An FWC application has been filed on this date. The subject application is hereby abandoned.

Respectfully submitted,

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### IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PRIOR application:

Serial Number: 08/282,893

Filing Date: 07/29/94

Inventor(s): Michael C. Park

Title: Dual Channel Advertising Referencing

Vehicle Location

Art Group: 2202

Examiner: BLUM, T

Docket: P126

Date of this paper: January 10, 1996

### Preliminary Amendment Filed With FWC Application Responsive to the Office Action dated 07/18/95

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

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Please amend the above referenced application as follows:

### In the Specification:

After the title and prior to the first line insert:

△ This application is a continuation of application Serial Number 08/282,893, filed

07/29/94 which is now abandoned.

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### In the claims:

Please cancel claims 1, 7, and 11.

### Add claims 15, 16, and 17 as shown below.

15. A method for providing specific time and location sensitive advertising information to a moving vehicle, said specific time and location sensitive advertising information being selected from a large body of advertising information including a large number of records, each record including a specific time and location sensitive advertising information, the method comprising the steps:

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transmitting to said vehicle by radio time said large body of advertising information,

receiving at said vehicle said large body of advertising information;

at a specific time, determining the location of said vehicle; and

selecting for display at said vehicle one of said records for display, said selection being at least in part based on the time of day and upon the location of said vehicle.

16. A method of providing time and location sensitive advertising information to the operator of a moving vehicle, the method comprising the steps:

receiving multiple data records by radio signal, each data record including time and location sensitive advertising information;

storing said data records;

calculating current location for said vehicle; and

selecting for display specific time and location specific advertising information depending upon the location of said vehicle;

displaying said selected time and location specific advertising information.

17. A method of providing travel information at a vehicle, the method comprising the steps:

collecting records relevant to multiple geographic points of interest, said information including a geographic location for each of said geographic points of interest;

detecting said vehicle position;

selecting for display redords hased upon the relative location of said vehicle and the location of the geographic point in the selected record; and

displaying relative to a current location as established in said detecting step a distance to and a distance toward a selected one of said geographic points of interest.

### **REMARKS:**

This is a preliminary amendment being filed with an FWC application. This preliminary amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action dated 07/18/95. A notice of appeal was filed in the parent application on 11/13/95.

Claims 15, 16 and 17 are now in this application. These claims correspond somewhat to previous claims 1, 7 and 11 which have been canceled.

Applicant's prior claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112 second paragraph as indefinite. The problem noted by the examiner has been corrected in the newly submitted claims.

Prior claims 1, 7 and 11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (b) based upon Kashiwazaki. The Kashiwazaki reference shows a system for a vehicle which includes a CD ROM 23 which stores data, a GPS receiver 20 which indicates the location of the receiver, and a memory 30 which stores Schedule data. A map is displayed from the data on the CD ROM. The location of the vehicle is determined by the GPS receiver. The location of the vehicle at any instant is compared to where the vehicle should be according to the schedule information, as indicated at column 6, lines 47 et. seq.

"In this manner, the schedule data as for the destination of driving, is stored and judged every time when the map is displayed, and the position of the destination and various information related to the destination are automatically displayed in the display map"

Thus, the purpose and operation of the system shown in Kashiwazaki are to determine the location of the vehicle relative to a pre-established schedule information which is stored in the system and to display information relative to the location of the vehicle.

In contrast to the above, the applicant's system is directed to displaying time and location sensitive advertising information. With the applicant's system a large number

of information records are sent to the vehicle by radio. Each record includes a particular piece of time and location sensitive advertising information. At the vehicle the records are selected for display depending upon the time of day and upon the

location of the vehicle. As stated in claims 15:

"said selection being at least in part based on the time of day and upon the location of said vehicle "

Applicant's system is dealing with a different type of information than is the reference and the selection process for displaying information is different. Since the reference does not show or suggest applicant's invention, allowance of claims 15, 16 and 17 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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1. The preliminary amendments filed January 16, 1996 are acknowledged.

2. Claims 16 and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

As to claim 16, it is unclear if the displayed "specific time and location specific advertising information" is the received "time and location sensitive advertising information".

In the last two lines of claim 17, "established in said detecting step a distance to and a distance toward" is indefinite.

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. § 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

- (e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.
- 4. Claim 17 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Kashiwazaki.

Kashiwazaki teaches the claimed method for providing travel information relative to vehicle location including: determining the current location of the vehicle (GPS receiver 20), transmitting information of potential interest (received by vehicle receiver 29 shown in Figure 10, see column 7, lines 65+) including records (Figure 2),

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each record including at least a location corresponding to a geographic point (Figure 2), selecting at each travel information device (vehicle) ones of said records (Figure 2) for display (Figure 8), said selection being based on the location of said vehicle (column 8, lines 14-24).

5. Claims 15-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Schreder.

Schreder teaches the claimed method of providing time and location sensitive advertising information to the operator of a moving vehicle including: receiving multiple data records (column 13, lines 14-37), storing data 46, calculating current location for said vehicle (18 and 20), "selecting" (column 8, lines 60-67, and column 13, lines 24-37), and displaying 48.

6. Claim 17 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Fruchterman et al.

Fruchterman et al teaches the claimed method of providing traveling information at a vehicle (column 11, lines 18-22) including: collecting records of points of interest (column 12, lines 23-35, and column 16, lines 65-67, for example), "selecting" (column 11, lines 6-22), and displaying 8.

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7. Claim 17 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Sato et al.

Sato et al teaches the claimed method of providing traveling information at a vehicle including: collecting records of points of interest (12, 13, 24, Figures 5 and 9), "selecting" (16), and displaying 23.

8. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. § 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -- (b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

9. Claim 17 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Wortham.

Wortham teaches the claimed method of providing traveling information at a vehicle including: collecting records of points of interest (column 9, lines 60-68), "selecting" (column 9, lines 60-68), and displaying 258.

10. The Fisher patent is cited to show a vehicle location system, note claim 12.

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11. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Theodore Blum whose telephone number is (703) 305-1833.

June 18, 1996

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Inventor(s): Michael C. Park

Title: Dual Channel Advertising Referencing

Vehicle Location

Art Group: 2202

Examiner: Blum, T.

Docket: P126-FWC

Date of this paper: November 5, 1996

## Petition for an Extension of Time to Respond

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicant petitions for a two month extension of time to respond to the Office Action dated 06/21/96.

An appropriate response to the Office Action is being filed herewith.

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## Amendment Responsive to Office Action Dated 06/21/96

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Dear Sir:

Please amend the subject application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claim 17.

Please amend claim 16 as follows:

(see next page)

2.16 (amended). A method of providing time and location sensitive advertising information to the operator of a moving vehicle, the method comprising the steps:

receiving multiple data records by radio signal, each data record [including] containing time of day information and location sensitive advertising information;

storing said data records;



calculating current location for said vehicle; and

selecting for display [specific] one of said records containing time of day information and location specific advertising information depending upon the time of day information and the location of said vehicle;

displaying said selected <u>record containing</u> time <u>of day information</u> and location specific advertising information.

### REMARKS:

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated 6/21/96. A petition for an extension of time to respond is being filed herewith. Claim 17 has been canceled. Claims 15 and 16 are now in this application. Reconsideration and allowance of claims 15 and 16 as amended is respectfully requested for the reasons explained below.

Claims 16 and 17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112 as indefinite. The potential problems noted by the examiner have been corrected by the above amendments to these claims.

Claims 15-17 were rejected under 35 U.S. C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Schreder. Schreder shows an automobile navigation and guidance system which receives traffic flow information by radio (see column 6 lines 47 et. seq). The system includes a GPS receiver which gives position information and an inertial navigation system which provides additional position information and which also senses if the vehicle is involved in an accident (see column 6 lines 57 et. seq.). The system shown in Schreder uses RF telecommunications to automatically report the location of the vehicle in the case of an accident. The system also provides the driver with route guidance information.

The invention claimed by the applicant in claims 15 and 16 is directed to and serves an entirely different purpose than does the system shown in Schreder. Furthermore, the elements which comprise the applicant's system are not found in the system shown in the Schreder reference. Applicant's system is directed to providing time and location sensitive advertising material to a driver. The advertising material is sent to the vehicle by radio because the material is time sensitive. A particular piece of time and location advertising material is then presented to the

driver depending upon the time of day and the location of the vehicle. No such system is shown or suggested in the Schreder reference.

The novel elements which comprise applicant's system are specifically recited in applicant's claims. For example claim 16 recites:

"selecting for display one of said records containing time of day information and location specific advertising information depending upon the time of day information and the location of said vehicle;

displaying said selected record containing time of day information and location specific advertising information."

Since the references do not show or suggest applicant's novel invention, allowance of claims 15 and 16 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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### **Transmittal Letter**

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### LETTER TO THE CHIEF DRAFTSMAN

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Enclosed are the formal drawings for the subject application. Six sheets of formal drawings are enclosed. We have received a NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE AND ISSUE FEE DUE for the subject application.

The enclosed drawings conform to the previous informal drawings and add no new matter. The serial number and art group are written on the reverse side of the drawings. If there are any problems with the enclosed drawings, you can contact applicant's attorney by telephone at 503-531-1516.

Respectfully submitted

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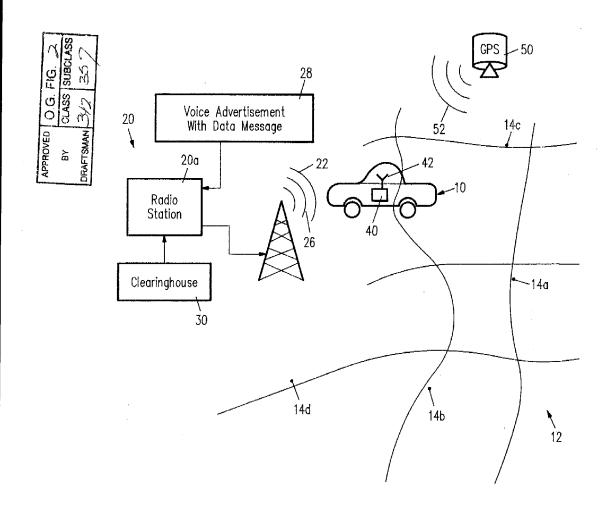
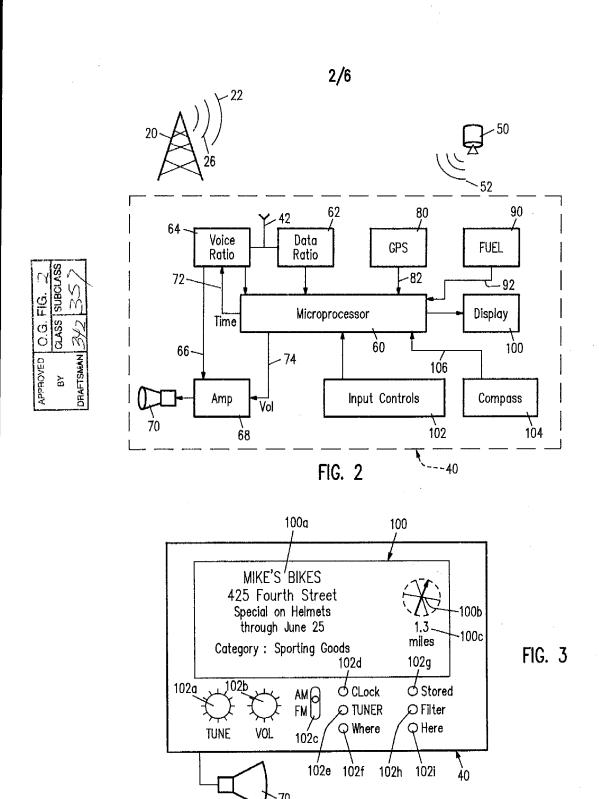
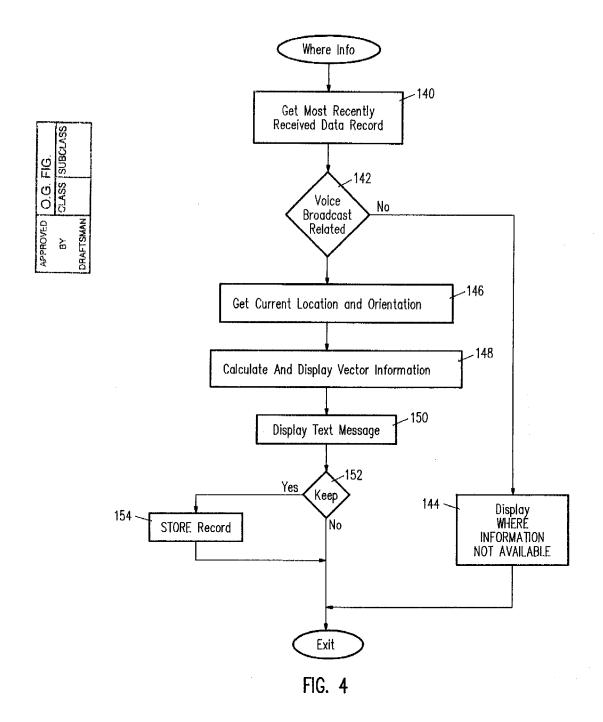
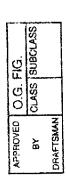


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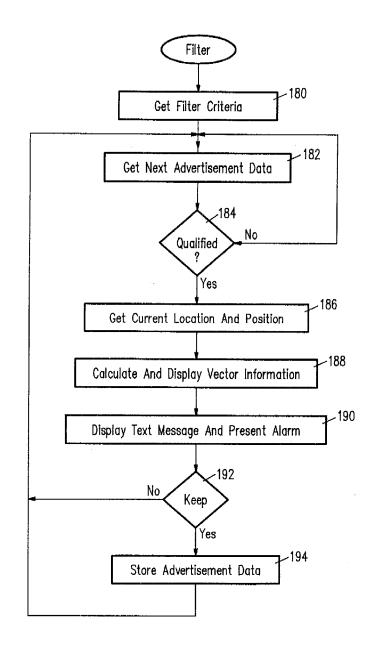


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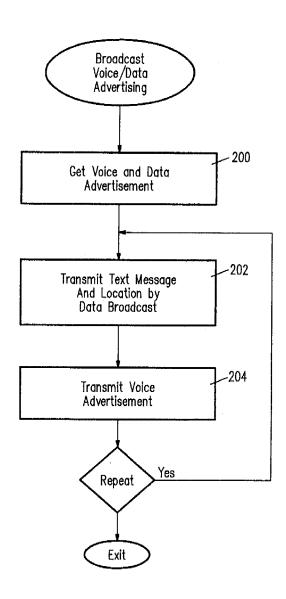


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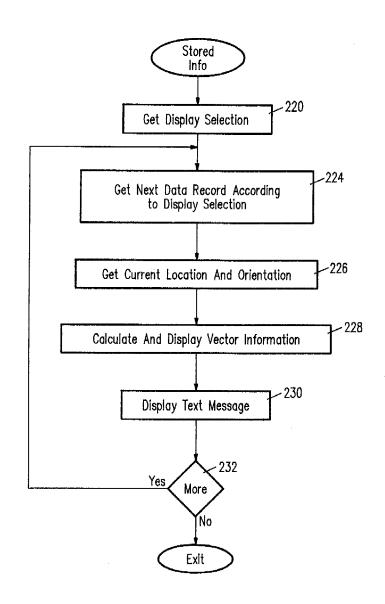


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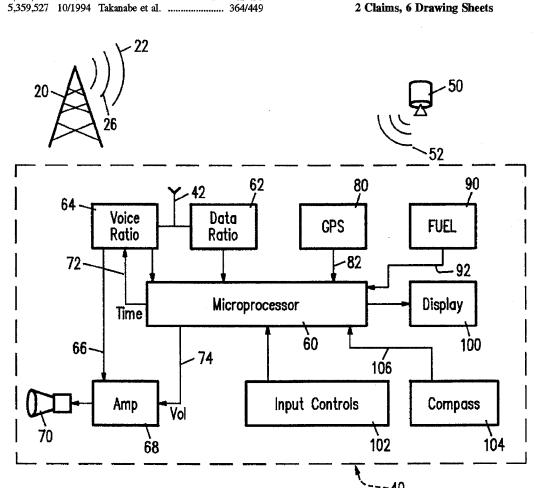
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#### [57] **ABSTRACT**

A vehicle information device and collects information concerning specific geographic points of interest. The operator recalls for display such information, including a display showing direction and distance of travel to a designated geographic point of interest relative to a then-current vehicle location. Dual channel advertising is transmitted by voice broadcast and by data broadcast. Upon hearing in the voice broadcast an advertisement of interest, the operator captures the associated data broadcast including, among other detailed text message information, the location of the advertiser. Distance and relative direction of travel from the current vehicle location to the geographic point of interest is thereby presented. Multiple geographic points of interest are stored for selective review whereby the user constructs a database containing locations of particular interest to a particular person.

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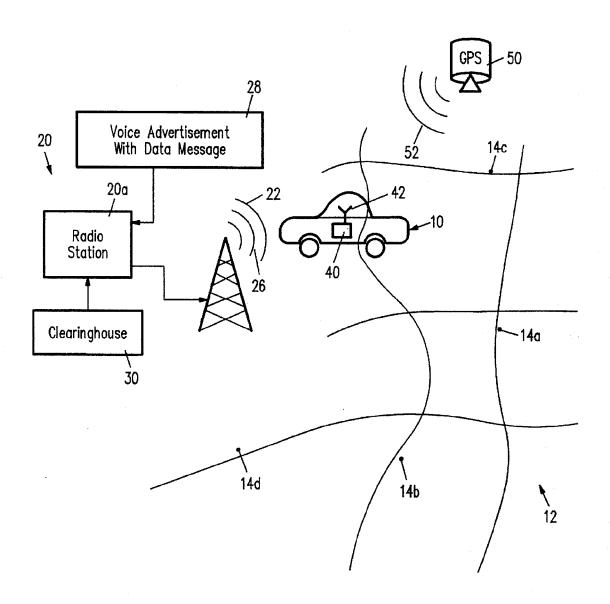
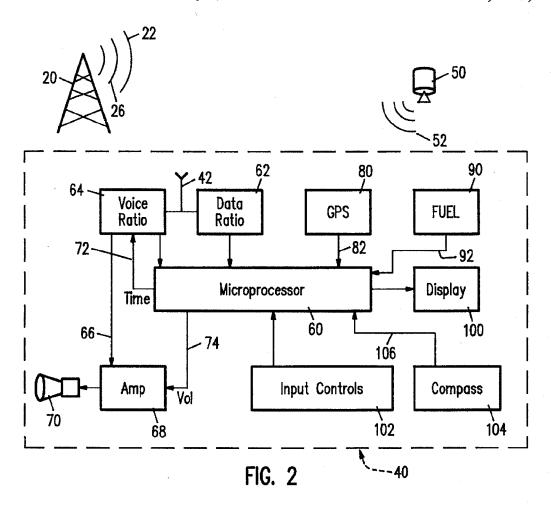
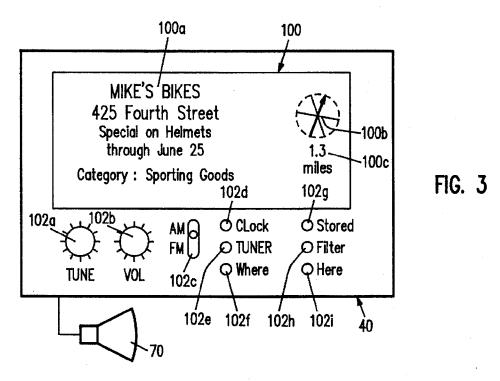
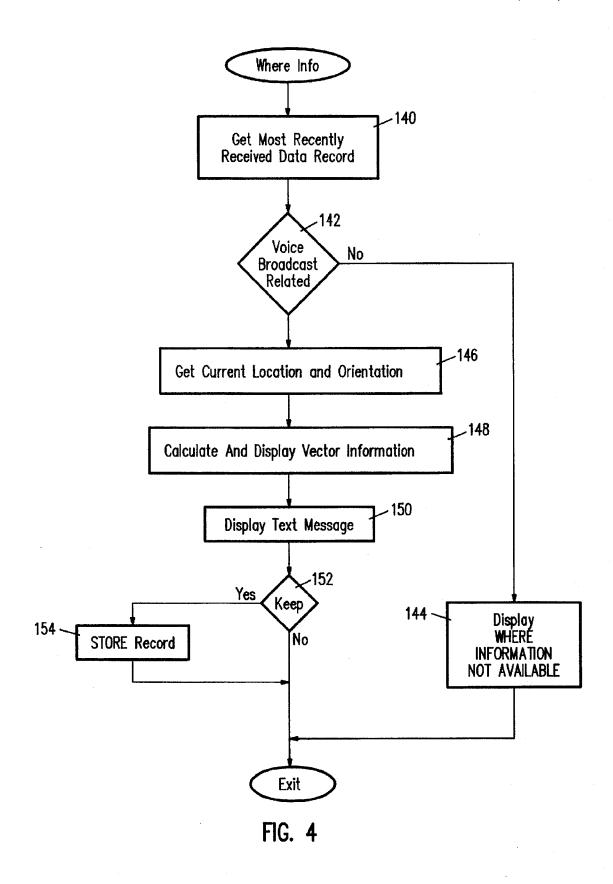


FIG. 1







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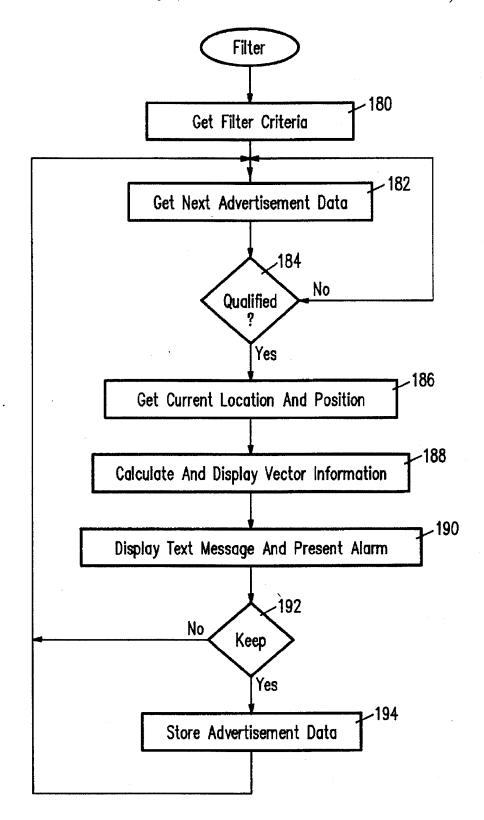


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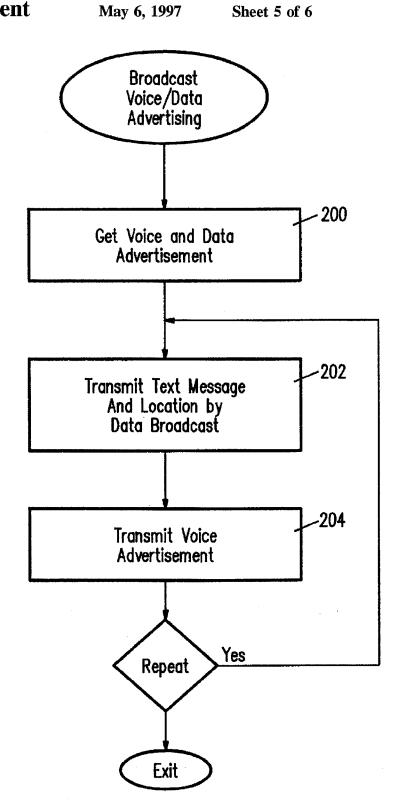


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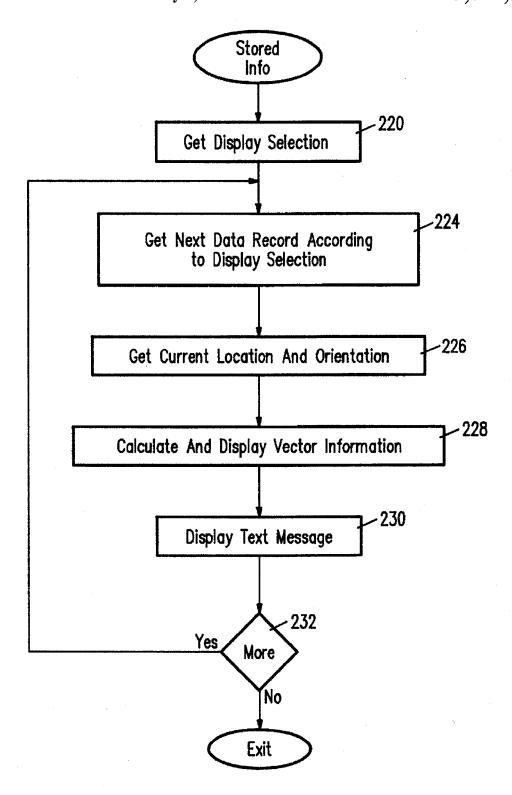


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# DUAL CHANNEL ADVERTISING REFERENCING VEHICLE LOCATION

This application is a continuation of application Ser. No. 08/282,893, filed Jul. 29, 1994 which is now abandoned.

#### BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates generally to vehicle information systems, and particularly to vehicle information systems providing information relevant to current vehicle location.

A variety of traffic related information is now available for use in aiding vehicle travel, especially in urban road networks. A travel information device likely to be soon more 15 commonly incorporated into vehicles is a vehicle position detecting system, e.g., the well known global positioning system (GPS) providing satellite broadcast to determine location of a receiving GPS device. Vehicles with GPS capability, therefore, have the very useful feature of tracking 20 current vehicle position.

Given access to current vehicle location, i.e., longitude and latitude values, a proposed information system provides vehicle position relative to a map representation of a given region, e.g., a map display of city streets with vehicle position indicated by street location rather than longitude and latitude position. Thus, a digital map database further supports vehicle position display by reference to more meaningful information, i.e., by reference to a street map. To be of value, however, the digital map database must be current and comprehensive, i.e., have information relevant to wherever a vehicle may be used.

Massive digital map databases are, however, inherently expensive and difficult to include in mass produced products 35 like elements. such as is desirable in a GPS-capable consumer product. Digital map databases require license fees, large amounts of memory, frequent and expensive revision, and generally cannot be comprehensive enough to allow use throughout the entire world. It is not economically feasible to provide in an inexpensive consumer product a digital map database covering the entire world, or at least a significant geographic region. If the device is prepared for use throughout the world, an incredibly massive digital map is required giving rise to significant cost and maintenance requirements. If only selected geographic regions are incorporated into the digital map, the device cannot be used outside such geographic regions without post-manufacture modification or manipulation of numerous storage devices, e.g., a library of CD-ROM discs.

It would be desirable, therefore, for a vehicle information device to be usable in any geographic area as manufactured yet still maintain an ability to indicate vehicle position information beyond merely longitude and latitude. In particular, people need more meaningful information than 55 merely longitude and latitude, yet a massive digital map is difficult to justify in the context of relatively inexpensive consumer products. The need for current vehicle position is most typically a need to know current vehicle position relative to a location of interest. Unfortunately, customizing 60 massive digital databases to provide reference to individual vehicle operator locations of interest is impractical. It would be desirable to avoid a requirement of procuring and maintaining in the travel information device a massive digital database, yet maintain an ability to reference geographic 65 locations. The subject matter of the present invention provides such a vehicle travel information device.

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#### SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

In accordance with the present invention, a travel information device in a vehicle includes a vehicle position detecting device and collects vehicle position information while also collecting data relevant geographic points of interest to provide a display indicating position of a point of interest relative to a current vehicle location.

In the illustrated and preferred form of the present invention, collecting information relevant to geographic points of interest is by radio signal data broadcast in conjunction with radio signal voice broadcast, such as advertising, whereby a user interrogates a device under the present invention to collect by data broadcast detailed information concerning an advertisement of interest provided by a companion voice broadcast. The data broadcast includes precise location information providing, in conjunction with current vehicle position, a basis for presenting a display graphically showing relative position between the geographic point of interest, such as the location of an advertiser, and the current vehicle location.

According to one aspect of the present invention, storage of information relative to geographic points of interest builds for the user a personal electronic reference for later selectively displaying such information, including ability to selectively display a representation of location relative to a then current vehicle position.

The subject matter of the present invention is particularly pointed out and distinctly claimed in the concluding portion of this specification. However, both the organization and method of operation of the invention, together with further advantages and objects thereof, may be best understood by reference to the following description taken with the accompanying drawings wherein like reference characters refer to like elements.

#### BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

For a better understanding of the invention, and to show how the same may be carried into effect, reference will now 40 be made, by way of example, to the accompanying drawings in which:

FIG. 1 illustrates a vehicle information system, a given road network, and a vehicle travelling within the road network and carrying a travel information device according to a preferred form of the present invention.

FIG. 2 is a block diagram of the travel information device for the vehicle of FIG. 1.

FIG. 3 illustrates the front panel controls and display of the travel information device of FIG. 2 as viewed by the operator of the vehicle of FIG. 1.

FIG. 4 illustrates by flow chart a first method of collecting data for storage by the travel information device wherein the user hears by voice broadcast information of interest an selects corresponding data broadcast information for storage.

FIG. 5 illustrates by flow chart an alternative method for collecting information from the data broadcast whereby the operator designates collection criteria and the travel information device automatically collects qualifying data broadcast information.

FIG. 6 illustrates by flow chart programming for a radio broadcast system coordinating or associating voice radio broadcast with data radio broadcast.

FIG. 7 illustrates by flow chart programming of the travel information device of FIG. 1 for scanning or reviewing of information stored therein.

# DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF A PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

In FIG. 1, a vehicle 10 travels within a road network 12. Network 12 includes main arterial roadways as illustrated, but as may be appreciated would be significantly more complex. For the present illustration, it will be understood that vehicle 10 travels throughout road network 12 along any selected travel route. Furthermore, the operator of vehicle 10 travels within road network 12 to and from geographic points of interest 14, individually designated 14a-14d. While only several such geographic points of interest 14 are indicated in FIG. 1, it will be understood that any number of such geographic points of interest 14 may exist within road network 12. Furthermore, geographic points of interest 14 for one individual vary relative to that of another individual. Accordingly, reference herein to geographic points of interest 14 shall be taken to be locations of interest to a particular person.

Also illustrated in FIG. 1, radio broadcast system 20 provides a combined radio signal voice broadcast 22 and radio signal data broadcast 26. While illustrated as a single radio broadcast system 20, it will be understood that voice broadcast 22 and data broadcast 26 could originate from separate radio signal broadcast facilities. Under the preferred form of the present invention, however, voice broadcast 22 and data broadcast 26 originate from a common FM radio source as provided under the "Gaskill" paging system. The present invention may be implemented according to many paging system protocols, but as illustrated herein 30 operates under the time-division multiplexed protocol of the Gaskill paging system, as illustrated in U.S. Pat. Nos. 4,713,808 and 4,897,835. The disclosure of U.S. Pat. Nos. 4,713,808 and 4, 897,835 are incorporated herein fully by reference thereto.

The Gaskill paging system and associated receiving devices provide an inexpensive, highly battery-efficient and highly miniaturized paging device which, under the illustrated embodiment of the present invention, constitutes a data radio signal receiver 62 (FIG. 2) as a conduit for data 40 broadcast 26 delivery to device 40.

Generally the Gaskill paging system uses FM radio signal transmission facilities to broadcast within a side-band frequency paging signal data packets according to a time-division multiplexed protocol. Thus, voice broadcast 22 comprises the normal FM radio signal broadcast and data broadcast 26 represents the side-band paging system broadcast.

It will be understood, therefore, that radio broadcast system 20 provides coordinated voice and data by radio 50 signal. In particular, radio broadcast system 20 receives voice advertisement and data message information 28, e.g., an advertising subscription, and integrates the data message portion thereof into other incoming paging system data packets originating from a Gaskill paging system clearing- 55 house 30. In this manner, radio station 20a coordinates or associates voice and data broadcasts 22 and 26, respectively. As may be appreciated, however, the data message portion of information 28 could be routed through clearinghouse 30. in which case radio station 20a associates a voice broadcast 60 22 with a data broadcast 26 originating entirely from clearinghouse 30. Such association may be provided by a number of arrangements, but under the illustrated form of the present invention, association of voice broadcast 22 and data broadcast 26 shall be by time relation, e.g., concurrently 65 broadcast, broadcast in close time relationship, or at given time offset.

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Vehicle 10 includes a travel information device 40 receiving by way of antenna 42 the voice broadcast 22 and data broadcast 26. Thus, device 40 receives conventional FM voice broadcasts and paging data broadcasts the Gaskill paging system protocol. In this manner, device 40 receives associated voice and data broadcasts whereby an operator of vehicle 10, upon hearing a voice broadcast of interest, captures the associated data broadcast to collect and store within device 40 detailed information, i.e., a data record including longitude and latitude, for a geographic point of interest 14.

FIG. 1 also illustrates a global position system (GPS) satellite 50 providing transmission 52. Details and use of GPS transmission and the collection of such transmission to determine location of a GPS receiver are well known. Use of GPS transmission 52 under the present invention is by incorporation of a global position system receiving device into travel information device 40 collection of a current vehicle position therewith as described more fully hereafter.

Thus, travel information device 40 receives several channels of information. First, voice broadcast 22 provided by radio broadcast system 20 provides to the vehicle operator a stream of voice information potentially including reference to geographic points of interest 14, i.e., advertisers located within road network 12. Second, data broadcast 26, as provided in association with voice broadcast 22, provides further detailed text message information captured selectively by device 40, e.g., when commanded by the operator of vehicle 10. This establishes, among other detailed information, a precise location for a geographic point of interest 14. Third, the global position system transmission 52 provides a current vehicle location and, therefore, a basis for presenting location of geographic points of interest 14 relative to current vehicle position.

As described more fully hereafter, device 40 maintains a database containing a collection of data records obtained from data broadcast 26. Each data record corresponds to a geographic point of interest 14, and device 40 displays a vector, i.e., distance and direction, indicator illustrating the relative position of a given geographic point of interest 14 relative to current vehicle location. In this manner, device 40 constructs and maintains information specific to a user of device 40, i.e., maintains information relative to geographic points of interest 14 selected by the operator of vehicle 10, and further provides meaningful position information beyond longitude and latitude for such points of interest 14 without reference to a massive digital map database of the road network 12. Device 40 maintains current information relative to a given geographic region and specific to selected geographic points of interest 14. Under one aspect of the present invention, such geographic points of interest 14 correspond generally to locations of advertisers providing, by way of radio broadcast system 20, both voice information in broadcast 22 and detailed message or text data in broadcast 26. This allows listeners to later reference such data and locate the corresponding geographic point of interest 14 relative to a then current vehicle position.

FIG. 2 illustrates in block diagram travel information device 40. In FIG. 2, a microprocessor 60 orchestrates generally operation of device 40. Data radio signal receiver 62 couples antenna 42 to microprocessor 60. As contemplated under the preferred form of the present invention, data radio signal receiver 62 comprises essentially a paging system receiver operating under the Gaskill paging system. Thus, the Gaskill system paging device provided as receiver 62 serves as a data terminal collecting data broadcast 26 and providing to microprocessor 60 detailed information asso-

ciated with, for example, an associated voice advertisement broadcast in voice broadcast 22. A voice radio receiver 64, also coupled to antenna 42, receives the voice broadcast 22 and delivers a voice signal 66 to an amplifier 68 driving a speaker 70. Microprocessor 60 tunes voice radio receiver 64 by way of a tune control 72. Thus, microprocessor 60 selects a radio signal voice broadcast 22 by tune control 72 and, by way of volume control 74 applied to amplifier 68, causes presentation of the corresponding voice broadcast on speaker 70.

A global position system receiver 80 receives the transmission 52 from global position system satellite 50 and delivers to microprocessor 60 a current vehicle location 82. In this manner, microprocessor 60 requests from global position system radio receiver 80 a current vehicle location 15 and receives in return the current vehicle location 82.

Microprocessor 60 receives other vehicle information. For example, a fuel gauge sensor 90 provides a fuel remaining input 92 to microprocessor 60.

Microprocessor 60 drives a display 100. Display 100 presents, for example, tuning and station selection information relative to the voice radio receiver 60 to provide an FM radio capability wherein the operator of vehicle 10 manipulates input controls 102, i.e., volume, station select, and 25 other controls described more fully hereafter, to listen to a selected voice broadcast 22. Display 100 further presents, as described more fully hereafter, data relevant to stored geographic points of interest 14 and also graphic indication, i.e., a vector indicating distance and direction, of a selected 30 geographic point of interest 14 relative to the current vehicle

A compass 104 provides a vehicle orientation input 106 to microprocessor 60. Device 40 uses the current vehicle position, i.e., as provided by vehicle location 82, and also the 35 current vehicle orientation, as provided by input 106, to calculate a graphic indication, i.e., a display vector orientation, indicating direction of travel for a geographic point of interest 14 relative to the current vehicle position. To portray on display 100 the relative direction, i.e., toward  $_{40}$ the geographic point of interest, current vehicle orientation is considered. Thus, calculation and display of a vector on display 100 begins with calculation of distance between two points designated by longitude and latitude values, i.e., distance between the current vehicle location and the geo- 45 graphic point of interest 14, and calculation of an angle of orientation for a direction of travel. In other words, display 100 has a fixed relationship relative to vehicle 10 and vehicle orientation input 106 supports an accurate display of a 100. Furthermore, the display presented may be updated as vehicle 10 moves and the distance between vehicle 10 and the geographic point of interest 14 changes and also as vehicle orientation changes.

FIG. 3 illustrates a front view of the travel information 55 device 40 monitoring the combined voice and data broadcasts 22 and 26 and global positioning system broadcast 52. FIG. 3 also illustrates display 100 and input controls 102. Input controls 102 include a tune dial 102a, a volume dial 102b and an AM/FM switch 102c. As may be appreciated, 60 device 40 operates, from a user perspective, in part as a conventional car radio. The user manipulates input controls 102a-102c to listen to a voice broadcast 22 on speakers 70. Additional control inputs 102 for device 40 include a clock button 102d, a tuner button 102e, a where information 65 interest 14. button 102f, a stored information button 102g, a filter button 102h, and a here button 102i. Use of input controls

102d-102i will be explained more fully hereafter, but generally provide to the user various display presentations relative to display 100 and modes of operation for device 40.

As illustrated in FIG. 3, display 100 presents a text message display portion 100a showing information such as vendor name, address, and current marketing information, for example, a sale or promotional activity including a date of availability for the promotional activity. Display portion 100a further presents a category of vendor, e.g., sporting goods. As may be appreciated, the data records obtained from data broadcast 26 and stored in device 40 include a variety of fields as indicated generally by the display portion 100a in FIG. 3. In such form, information maintained in device 40 may be manipulated in the manner of a database, e.g., searching, sorting, and other such database record management functions.

Display 100 further provides a vector angle portion 100b and a vector distance-to-travel portion 100c. As described herein above, angle portion 100b indicates the relative orientation of a direction of travel from the current vehicle location to a selected geographic point of interest 14. Distance-to-travel portion 100c represents the distance separating the current vehicle location and the geographic point of interest. The angular orientation of portion 100b desirable takes into account the current vehicle 10 orientation input 106 as provided by compass 104. Presentation of vector angle portion 100b should, therefore, indicate generally a direction of travel considering the viewer's perspective, i.e., looking at display 100 from within vehicle 10, to indicate appropriately the relative orientation of a direct line-of-sight or direction-of-travel from the current vehicle position to the geographic point of interest 14.

Clock button 102d, when pressed, causes presentation by microprocessor 60 on display 100 the current time of day. Tuner button 102e, when pressed, causes presentation on display 100 by microprocessor 60 information relevant to tuning voice broadcast radio 64, e.g., frequency of station currently tuned, preset features available, and any other information normally displayed in connection with operation of a voice broadcast radio.

Where information button 102f, when pressed, indicates to microprocessor 60 operator desire to collect information from data broadcast 26. For example, voice broadcast 22 and data broadcast 26 are synchronized broadcasts and the operator of device 40 hears an advertisement of interest provided by way of voice broadcast 22 and presses the where information button 102f for further information. Microprocessor 60 then collects a data record, i.e., text message information relative to the advertisement of direction of travel as presented by vector icon on display 50 interest, by way of data broadcast 26 and data receiver 62. Text message information presented in display portion 100a is obtained, therefore, by the operator activating the where information button 102f during or just after a voice broadcast advertisement of interest.

Device 40 holds multiple data records, i.e., one for each geographic point of interest 14. Stored information button 102g allows scanning through such stored data records and selective display of the previously stored data record for a geographic point of interest 14. In this manner, the user of device 40 constructs a personal electronic reference tracking travel information including data records for particular geographic points of interest 14, i.e., data records selected by and of interest to a particular user. The user thereby builds a personalized and current database of geographic points of

Filter button 102h drives device 40 into an automatic data collection mode according to user selected filter criteria. For 7

example, device 40 monitors the stream of data provided in data broadcast 22 and compares location information therein to the current vehicle location to collect all references within a given distance of current vehicle location. Additionally, the user establishes a category of interest, e.g., auto parts advertisements, grocery store advertisements, sporting goods or restaurant advertisements, to further filter information available in data broadcast 22. In this manner, the user of device 40 creates automatically a customized database by designating geographic points of interest 14 according to user-selected criteria.

The here button 102i provides another method of creating a data record concerning a geographic point of interest 14 within device 40, in this case one corresponding to current vehicle location. The operator presses here button 102i and 15 creates a geographic point of interest 14 data record corresponding to current vehicle location. This allows the user to begin at a given location, operate here button 102i, and have ability to reference that given location later while travelling, e.g., to return to that given location or to have directional 20 indication of that given location from another vehicle location. The data record created by device 40 in response to the here button 102i includes at least the longitude and latitude information corresponding to the vehicle position at the time of button 102i activation. Additional textual information can 25 be entered by the user if desired, e.g., textual information entered by operation of control inputs 102 in response to supporting prompts presented on display 100. For example, the user may wish to name a location in conjunction with activating the here button 102i for meaningful later refer- 30 ence thereto.

FIG. 4 illustrates programming of microprocessor 60 for information collection from data broadcast 26, i.e., in this case in response to activation of where information button 102f. In FIG. 4, it will be assumed that voice broadcast 22 35 and data broadcast 26 are associated by simultaneous broadcast. As may be appreciated, other association methods may be employed and incorporated into the illustrated embodiment of the present invention. Processing in response to user activation of the where information button 102f begins in 40 block 140 where microprocessor 60 collects the most recently received data record of data broadcast 26. As shown in the present embodiment, voice broadcast 22 and data broadcast 26 are associated by simultaneous presentation and microprocessor 60 need only collect in response to 45 activation of the where information button 102f the current presented or most recently presented data record in data broadcast 26. In anticipation of such task, microprocessor 60 always collects in an input buffer (not shown) each data record presented in data broadcast 26. For each new data 50 record presented, the old, previous data record is replaced in the input buffer. Thus, when the operator activates where information button 102f, the input buffer holds, or will soon hold, a complete data record taken from data broadcast 26 and associated with the current voice broadcast 22 presen- 55 tation. Thus, processing in block 140 implements a method of association between voice broadcast 22 and data broad-

Decision block 142 determines whether the current voice broadcast 22 is related to the most recently received data 60 record. For example, not every voice broadcast 22 presentation, e.g., advertisement, will have an associated data record available in data broadcast 26. For example, if the data record most recently received by way of data broadcast 26 is "stale" then it should not be taken as related 65 to the current voice broadcast 22 presentation. In such case, processing branches through block 144 where device 40

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presents on display 100 the message "where information not available" and processing terminates. If, however, the data record most recently received is related to the voice broadcast 22 presentation, i.e., not "stale", then processing advances to block 146 where microprocessor 60 obtains the current vehicle location and vehicle orientation. As may be appreciated, determining whether a given data record is "stale" may be implemented by time-stamping data records held in the input buffer. The length of time required to become "stale" in the input buffer is variable and a function of how quickly the operator of vehicle 10 must activate the where information button 102f.

Microprocessor 60 then calculates in block 148 the angle portion 100b and distance-to-travel portion 100c. In other words, microprocessor 60 calculates and angle of orientation for the arrow icon presented in portion 100b using the current vehicle orientation 106 and the direction of travel toward the subject geographic point of interest 14. Microprocessor 60 then calculates the distance-to-travel value for portion 100c as the separation between the current vehicle position and subject geographic point of interest 14.

As may be appreciated, a timer interrupt may also be set to itteratively execute procedures updating the display portions 100b and 100c as the vehicle changes orientation and location relative to the geographic point of interest 14 associated with the current data record. Furthermore, microprocessor 60 may take into account fuel remaining input 92 in comparison to expected vehicle 10 mileage and consider separation between current vehicle position and the subject geographic point of interest 14. If vehicle 10 holds insufficient fuel to make the trip to the subject geographic point of interest, an appropriate display may be presented to indicate such condition to the vehicle operator.

Continuing to block 150, microprocessor 60 presents in display portion 100a the text message portion of the current data record, e.g., vendor name, address, phone number, and any other special promotional information provided. In decision block 152, the operator has opportunity to keep for permanent storage the current data record, in which case processing branches through block 154 where the current data record is stored for later reference, i.e., by operation of the stored information button 102g. Otherwise, processing exits directly from decision block 152.

FIG. 5 illustrates by flow chart an alternative method for gathering information from the data broadcast 22, i.e., gathering information automatically according to user-designated criteria in response to filter button 102h. In this manner, the operator need not monitor voice broadcast 22 to collect information of potential interest by way of data broadcast 26.

In FIG. 5, processing begins in block 180 where microprocessor 60 obtains, from the user, appropriate filtering criteria. For example, user interaction is conducted by way of display 100 and alternate functions defined for control inputs 102 to collect from the user a designation of filter criteria. For example, the user may be interested in all data records broadcast and being associated with a location within a given distance of current vehicle location. In this manner, the user collects advertising information for vendors in close and convenient proximity to current vehicle location. Also, data records are classified according to category, and the user designates as qualifying under user criteria certain categories of information. For example, the user may be interested in certain types of products or services advertised and having associated data records in data broadcast 22. In any event, block 180 represents user

designation of criteria applied to data records appearing in data broadcast 22, i.e., which of those data records will be accepted and stored by device 40 for later reference by operation of the stored information button 102g.

Continuing to block 182, microprocessor 60 gets the next 5 data record provided in data broadcast 22 and, in decision block 184, applies the user-designated criteria. If the data record collected in block 182 meets the user-designated criteria provided in block 180, then processing advances to block 186. Otherwise, processing returns to block 182 from 10 decision block 184 to collect the next data record appearing in data broadcast 26. In block 186, microprocessor 60 obtains the current vehicle position and orientation. Continuing to block 188, microprocessor 60 calculates and displays the arrow icon at appropriate angle of orientation 15 and the distance-to-travel value in display portions 100b and 100c, respectively.

Then, in block 190, microprocessor 60 displays the text message data available in the collected data record. An alarm presented in block 190 indicates to the user collection of a data record potentially of interest, i.e., satisfying the userdesignated criteria provided in block 180. Decision block 192 allows the user opportunity to discard or keep for permanent storage the data record just collected. Accordingly, if the user declines storage of the just-collected data record then processing returns immediately to block 182. Otherwise, processing advances through block 194 where the just-collected data record is stored for later reference by operation of the stored information button 102g. Processing then returns from block 194 to block 182 for collection of a next data record.

As may be appreciated, an exit procedure (not shown) interrupts the data record collection loop represented by flow chart in FIG. 5. For example, the user may wish to terminate collection or may wish to modify the designation of data record collection criteria in block 180. Furthermore, processing at decision block 192 need not forego collection of additional data records in data broadcast 26. In other words, additional records may be queued for review by the operator even though microprocessor 60 is awaiting input at decision block 192. Also, should the operator not respond immediately at decision block 192, a time-out feature allows processing to advance without requiring user input, e.g., accepts for storage the data record qualifying under the user designated criteria and allows the user to later delete the record from device 40.

FIG. 6 illustrates by flow chart processing conducted by the radio broadcast system 20 in providing associated voice broadcast 22 and data broadcast 26. In FIG. 6, processing 50 begins in block 200 where radio broadcast system 20 receives an advertising subscription including both voice advertising for presentation in the voice broadcast 22 and message information for presentation in the data broadcast 26. As noted herein above, association between the voice 55 advertisement and message data is by simultaneous broadcast. Thus, system 20 transmits in block 202 the text message information and location information in data broadcast 26 followed by transmission of the voice presentation in blocks 202 and 204 repeats intermittently, i.e., according to how often and when the dual channel advertisement is to be broadcast.

FIG. 7 illustrates programming for microprocessor 60 in In FIG. 7, processing begins in block 220 where microprocessor 60 presents opportunity for the user to scan stored data records according to a given criteria, i.e., get a display selection from the user of device 40. For example, the user wishes to display data records according to a certain sequence or to display only records meeting a certain criteria, e.g., restaurant advertisements. Having obtained a display selection from the user, processing advances to block 224 where microprocessor 60 gets a next data record according to the user-designated display selection. Continuing to block 226, microprocessor 60 obtains the current vehicle position and orientation. Then, in block 228, microprocessor 60 calculates and presents display portions 100b and 100c, i.e., displays vector information indicating the distance and relative orientation to a geographic point of interest 14 corresponding to the data record currently presented. Continuing to block 230, microprocessor 60 displays at display portion 100a the text portion of the data record for review by the user. Decision block 232 provides the user opportunity to terminate scanning of stored information in which case processing exits from decision block 232. If the user continues scanning through the scored data records according to the designated display selection, then processing returns from decision block 232 to block 224 where a next data record in the sequence is selected for review by the

Important to note, as the user scans through stored data records and obtains a presentation on display 100, the then-current vehicle orientation and location are referenced to present a then-current relative position in display portions 100b and 100c, i.e., the current relative direction of travel and distance to the geographic point of interest 14 associated with the data record currently displayed by device 40. Also, processing illustrated in FIG. 7 initiates a timer interrupt procedure updating display portions 100b and 100c as the vehicle orientation and location relative to the currently displayed geographic point of interest 14 changes.

The scanning procedure illustrated in FIG. 7 may, as will be appreciated, be augmented to include additional features such as deleting data records, sorting on various fields of the text message portion, and applying additional category values whereby the user may better manage a collection of information maintained in device 40 and relevant to travel of vehicle 10 to and from geographic points of interest 14.

Thus, an improved vehicle information device and method of operation have been shown and described. Under 45 the present invention, a user builds a customized database containing geographic points of interest, including precise longitude and latitude information and ability to provide distance and orientation of travel toward the geographic point of interest and in relation to the current vehicle location. In this manner, the user obtains useful information by way of radio signal without requiring reference to a massive digital database of the surrounding geographic area. Information obtained by radio signal is always current, i.e., replaced by subsequent broadcast. In this manner, the operator maintains a dynamic and up-to-date database of specific geographic points of interest.

It will be appreciated, that the present invention is not restricted to the particular embodiment or embodiments that have been described and illustrated herein, and that variavoice broadcast 22. As may be appreciated, processing in 60 tions may be made therein without departing from the scope of the invention as found in the appended claims and equivalents thereof.

What is claimed is:

1. A method for providing specific time and location response to activation of the stored information button 102g. 65 sensitive advertising information to a moving vehicle, said specific time and location sensitive advertising information being selected from a large body of advertising information

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including a large number of records, each record including a specific time and location sensitive advertising information, the method comprising the steps:

transmitting to said vehicle by radio time said large body of advertising information,

receiving at said vehicle said large body of advertising information;

at a specific time, determining the location of said vehicle; and

selecting for display at said vehicle one of said records for display, said selection being at least in part based on the time of day and upon the location of said vehicle.

2. A method of providing time and location sensitive advertising information to the operator of a moving vehicle, the method comprising the steps:

receiving multiple data records by radio signal, each data record containing time of day information and location sensitive advertising information;

storing said data records;

calculating current location for said vehicle; and

selecting for display one of said records containing time of day information and location specific advertising information depending upon the time of day information and the location of said vehicle;

displaying said selected record containing time of day information and location specific advertising information

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